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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 16, 2001

APPLICATION OF

AOBA ALLIANCE, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010425

For a license to conduct
business as an aggregator
in both electric and natural
gas retail access programs

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On July 31, 2001, AOBA Alliance, Inc. ("AOBA" or "Applicant") filed an application for a license to conduct business as an aggregator in the electric and natural gas retail access programs that have been approved by this Commission as provided by the Rules Governing Retail Access to competitive energy services ("Retail Access Rules"), 20 VAC 5-312-10 et seq. AOBA intends to serve commercial customers participating in the retail access programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"), American Electric Power-Virginia ("AEP-VA"), Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL") and Columbia Gas of Virginia ("CGV").

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission finds that AOBA's application should be docketed; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that the

Commission Staff should investigate the application and present its findings in a report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) As provided in Title 56 of the Code of Virginia and the Retail Access Rule 20 VAC 5-312-40 C, this application is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010425.

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be available for inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the Commission's regular business days, Monday through Friday.

(3) On or before August 22, 2001, AOBA, shall serve a copy of this Order upon each utility listed on Attachment A of this Order.

(4) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request in writing to the Applicant, c/o Frann G. Francis, Esquire, AOBA Alliance, Inc., 1050 17th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(5) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application may be filed by September 4, 2001, with the

Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE010425. A copy of such comments also must simultaneously be served by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to Applicant, c/o Frann G. Francis, Esquire, AOBA Alliance, Inc., 1050 17th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036.

(6) The Commission Staff shall investigate the application and shall present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before September 5, 2001.

(7) On or before September 11, 2001, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff report and any comments that have been filed, and shall serve a copy of its response on counsel for the Commission Staff and any person submitting comments by overnight delivery.

(8) Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(9) This matter is continued generally.